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SUBJECT: LETTER TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SENEGAL PERM REP FALL IN CAPACITY AS
CHAIRMAN OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IN MEETING WITH
AMB. YOUNG JUNE 2 STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING REPLIES
TO HIS LETTER OF APRIL 18 (USUN 1170). YOUNG ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT LETTER HAD GONE UNANSWERED AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD
CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN THIS REGARD. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. FALL OPENED DISCUSSION BY NOTING HE WAS CALLING IN
HIS ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE.
FALL SAID HE WAS AWARE OF US VOTING RECORD ON THE COMMITTEE
AND ITS REPORT. HOWEVER, HE WAS HEARTENED TO READ PRESIDENT
CARTER'S RECENT PRESS REMARKS CONCERNING NOT ONLY SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 BUT ALSO ALL UN RESOLUTIONS RELEVANT
TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THESE OTHER RESOLUTIONS FALL WITHIN
THE TERMS OF REFERENCE IN DEFINING THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE COMMITTEE. FALL ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE
INITIALLY ASSUMED A MORE PARTISAN ROLE WITH REGARD
TO THE MIDDLE EAST, BUT NOW IT IS ATTEMPTING TO
EXERT A MODERATING INFLUENCE AND NOT REPRESENT EITHER
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ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER.

3. FALL CONTINUED BY POINTING OUT THAT THE
COMMITTEE HAS INVITED ALL MEMBER STATES TO BE REPRE-
SENTED AND TO PRESENT THEIR PARTICULAR VIEWPOINTS.
FALL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST
WOULD NOT BE SOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE NOR BY THE

SECURITY COUNCIL, HOWEVER, HE DID FEEL ALL EFFORTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE COMMITTEE, COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACE PROCESS.

4. TURNING TO THE PRESENT SITUATION, FALL COMMENTED THAT THE LACK OF A GOVERNMENT IN ISRAEL ARGUED FOR DELAYING A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON PALESTINE. HE ADDED THAT HIS COMMITTEE WOULD SEEK A MEETING AT SOME POINT (GA RES 31/20), BUT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE UP TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO DECIDE UPON A CONVENIENT TIME. FALL SAID THAT HE WAS CONSULTING WITH AMB. YOUNG AND THE OTHER WESTERN SC MEMBERS IN ORDER TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE WHAT THE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL WERE OCCUPIED WITH.

5. WITH REGARD TO HIS LETTER TO WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PLUS ISRAEL, FALL SAID THT ALTHOUGH NONE HAS REPLIED, IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT HE RECEIVE ANSWERS. CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAD PRESSED FOR AN SC MEETING IN MAY AND WERE CONTINUING TO PRESS FOR A MEETING. REPLIES TO HIS LETTER WOULD HELP HIM IN RESPONDING TO THEM.

6. AMB. YOUNG INDICATED THAT US CONCERN ABOUT MIDDLE EAST PROBLEMS WAS INDEED GENUINE AND THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY KEEPING APPRISED OF THE SITUATION AND PARTICIPATING IN THE PRESIDENT'S VISITS FROM MIDDLE EAST LEADERS. YOUNG REFERRED TO THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT TO THE PURSUIT OF ALL EFFORTS TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. AS FOR THE LETTER, YOUNG SAID CONFIDENTIAL

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HE HAD ONLY RECENTLY BECOME AWARE OF ITS EXISTENCE AND THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHERE MATTER STANDS. CONVERSATION CONCLUDED WITH FALL MAKING FINAL APPEAL, SUGGESTING THAT US RESPONSE COULD SIMPLY CONTAIN STRAIGHTFORWARD REPETITION OF OFFICIAL US STATEMENTS. THIS TYPE OF REPLY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR HIM TO WORK WITH.

7. COMMENT: AMB. FALL'S CALL ON YOUNG COMPLETED HIS ROUND OF VISITS ON THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL. AS REPORTED EARLIER, THE FIVE, CANADA, FRANCE, UK, US AND FRG, HAVE EACH RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO REPLY TO FALL'S LETTER. FRG AND CANADIAN SUGGESTION TO DO A PERSONAL LETTER AS A COURTESY MERELY REHASHING THEIR GA SPEECHES TO FALL WAS DISCOURAGED MAINLY BY UK AT JUNE 1 MEETING OF THE FIVE TO DISCUSS AFRICAN QUESTIONS. UK INDICATED THAT FALL LETTER WAS WORSE THAN PURPOSELESS EXERCISE AND THAT EVEN PERSONAL LETTER TO FALL WOULD BE EXPLOITED BY HIM TO FURTHER HIS DUBIOUS ROLE AS A

PEACEMAKER IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO GIVE RESPECT-
ABILITY TO THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IN A WAY
THAT COULD ONLY SPELL TROUBLE. LEPRETTE (FRANCE)
SAID HE BELIEVED THAT DECISION NOT TO REPLY TO LETTER
WAS CORRECT FOR REASONS STATED BY UK. HE SAID FRANCE
DID NOT INTEND TO SEND A LETTER UNLESS OTHERS DID AND
HIS VIEW WAS THEY SHOULD NOT. FRG AND CANADA AGREED
TO RECONSIDER EVEN SENDING A PERSONAL LETTER AND IT
SEEMS CLEAR THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO.

8. USUN SEEKS CONFIRMATION OF DEPARTMENT'S INSTRU-
TION (STATE 116232). WE SEE MERIT IN GIVING ENCOURAGE-
MENT TO MODERATE ELEMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS IN
AFRICA. MOREOVER, SENEGALESE PLAY CERTAIN LEADERSHIP
ROLES, E.G., UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW. WE SEE,
OF COURSE, CLEAR ADVANTAGE IN TRYING TO CULTIVATE
VOICES OF MODERATION IN WHATEVER AREA. CASE OF FALL
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IS COMPLICATED BY TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE MANDATE OF
COMMITTEE HE CHAIRS AND TO DEGREE BY HIS INTERPRETING
HIS CHAIRMANSHIP SOMEWHAT OVERZEALOUSLY AS IN WRITING
LETTER TO WESTERN FIVE WHICH DID NOT SEEM DESIGNED TO
SEEK CONFIRMATION OF READILY-AVAILABLE PUBLIC
STATEMENTS BUT TO BREAK COMMUNICATION BLOCKAGE
BETWEEN HIMSELF AND WESTERN SC MEMBERS. (ALL PREVIOUS
COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE FROM WESTERN SC
MEMBERS HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE SECURITY-GENERAL.)
IN ADDITION, FALL, SEEMINGLY ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE,
HAS ALSO WRITTEN LETTERS TO THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION AND UNRWA ON SUBJECT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS
IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. HE ALSO ADDRESSED
ECOSOC AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE QUESTION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. DECISION
ON OUR REPLYING TO FALL'S LETTER MUST BE BASED ON
EVALUATION OF BALANCE BETWEEN ENCOURAGING REPRESENTA-
TIVE WHO STATES DESIRE TO PLAY MODERATING ROLE, EVEN
ONE GIVEN TO UNNECESSARY ACTIVITY, AND CONTINUING TO
IGNORE A UN COMMITTEE WHOSE DYNAMIC DOES NOT SEEM TO
BE DIMINISHING. USUN WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER.
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